

REMARKS

Claims 1- 23 remain pending in the application, claims 24-29 having been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner, and thus are canceled herein.

Restriction Requirement

The Applicants hereby affirm election of the Group I claims 1-23, drawn to maintaining data-based link integrity in a powered down network device, with traverse.

Allowable Claims 5-7, 9-15, 17-19 and 21-23

In the Office Action, claims 5-7, 9-15, 17-19 and 21-23 were objected to for being dependent from a rejected base claim. The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 5-7, 9-15, 17-19 and 21-23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Drawing Objection

The drawings were objected to for containing reference characters allegedly not mentioned in the description. The specification is amended herein to include the reference numeral 108 shown in Fig. 1 as originally filed, and reference numerals 202 and 204 shown in Fig. 2 as originally filed. No new matter is added, as these objects are clearly shown as described in Figs. 1 and 2 as originally filed. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-4, 8, 16 and 20 over Kolinski and Bays

Claims 1-4, 8, 16 and 20 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,092,207 to Kolinski et al. ("Kolinski"); and claims 1-4, 16 and 20 were rejected under 35 USC 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,282,666 to Bays et al. ("Bays"). The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Claims 1-4 and 8 are amended herein to include the **ALLOWABLE** subject matter of claims 5-7, 10 and 12, which each specifically define the network device as being at least one of a HomePNA device, a BLUETOOTH device, a Homeplug device, a wired device, a power line device, or a wireless device. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4 and 8 are now allowable for all the reasons that claims 5-7, 10 and 12 are allowable.

Similarly, claim 16 is amended herein to include the **ALLOWABLE** subject matter of claims 17-19, and claim 20 is amended herein to include the **ALLOWABLE** subject matter of claims 21-23. Thus, claims 16 and 20 now each specifically define the network device as being at least one of a HomePNA device, a BLUETOOTH device, or a Homeplug device. It is respectfully submitted that claims 16 and 20 are now allowable for all the reasons that claims 17-19 and 21-23 are allowable.

For at least all the above reasons, claims 1-4, 8, 16 and 20 are patentable over the prior art of record. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

Conclusion

All rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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